Allowing delegates of international human rights in India

1419. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as a manifestation of its transparency and commitment to human rights, whether India allows delegates of international human rights activist NGOs to visit detention centres/prisons under the ICRC Charter;

(b) if so, the number of such observers allowed to visit India on fact finding missions; and

(c) whether the National Human Rights Commission constantly interacts with its counter part in other countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) and Government of India, the delegates of ICRC are permitted to visit detention centres. However, the delegates of International Human Rights activist NGOs are not permitted to visit detention centres/prisons.

(c) Yes, Sir. The National Human Rights Commission interacts with its counter part in other countries.

Security measures for vital installation in India

1420. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security audits of sensitive airports/vital installations in India are conducted frequently;

(b) whether post-9/11, additional security measures have been clamped around refineries, power utilities and airports in sensitive border areas and if so, a summary thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to engage specialised forces in such areas and whether the Central Industrial Security Force has been provided additional training and orientation in specialised areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The security audit of sensitive airports and vital installations are conducted by the concerned security agencies.